

REMARKS

In a prior Office Action, the Examiner identified five distinct inventions for the subject patent application, identified as Groups I through V, with Group I being the caddy disclosed in relation to Figures 1, 2 and 4-7, Group II being the caddy disclosed in relation to Figure 3, Group III being the caddy disclosed in relation to Figure 8, Group IV being the caddy disclosed in relation to Figure 9 and Group V being the caddy disclosed in relation to Figure 10. Pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 121, the Examiner required Applicant to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits. In the response filed on March 21, 2006, Applicant selected the invention represented by Group I (disclosed in relation to Figures 1, 2 and 4-7) for prosecution on the merits, without traverse to said election. As a result, claims 3-5, 13-15 and 21-23 were withdrawn from consideration. In the present Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1, 2, 6 and 8-11 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ratliff (U.S. Patent No. 3,894,748) in view of Latino (U.S. Patent No. Des. 282,594). The Examiner identified claims 16-20 as being allowed (rejoining claims 17 and 18). The Examiner objected to claims 7 and 12 as being dependent on a rejected base claim, but being allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

17 In response, the Applicant has amended claim 1, cancelled claims 7 and 21-23 and
18 added new claims 24-28 to address the Examiner's rejections and objections. The Applicants believe
19 the amendments made in response to the Examiner's rejections and objections have placed the
20 application in position for allowance.

With regard to the claims, Applicant is amending claim 1 to incorporate the limitations of claim 7, which was objected to by the Examiner, to place claim 1 in allowable condition and cancelling claim 7 as being redundant. The Applicant has added new claims 24-26, with independent claim 24 being the same as original claim 1 except incorporating the limitations of original claim 12, which was objected to by the Examiner. Claims 21-23 are being cancelled. The amendments are set forth in more detail below.

<u>Claim</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Discussion (if necessary)</u>
1	Amended	This claim is being amended to add the limitations of original claim 7, which was objected to by the Examiner, but identified as being allowable if rewritten in independent form incorporating the base claim (claim 1) and any intervening claims (none).
2	Unchanged	
3	Unchanged	This claim was withdrawn from consideration, but is being rejoined as being dependent on amended claim 1, which is believed to be allowable based on the Examiner's objection.
4	Unchanged	Same as claim 3.
5	Unchanged	Same as claim 3.
6	Unchanged	
7	Cancelled	This claim is being cancelled because the limitations thereof are being incorporated into claim 1 and it is, therefore, redundant.
8	Unchanged	
9	Unchanged	
11	Unchanged	
12	Unchanged	
13	Unchanged	
14	Unchanged	
15	Unchanged	
16	Unchanged	
17	Unchanged	This claim was withdrawn from consideration, but is being rejoined as being dependent on amended claim 1, which is believed to be allowable based on the Examiner's objection.
18	Unchanged	Same as claim 13.
19	Unchanged	Same as claim 13.
20	Unchanged	Identified as allowable.
21	Unchanged	Identified as allowable.
22	Unchanged	Identified as allowable.
23	Unchanged	Identified as allowable.
24	Unchanged	Identified as allowable.
25	Cancelled	
26	Cancelled	

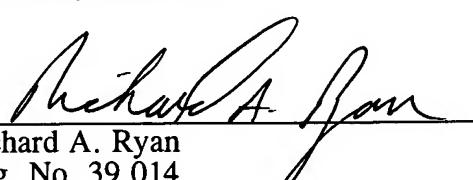
<u>Claim</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Discussion (if necessary)</u>
23	Cancelled	
24	New	This newly added claim is has the same limitations as original claim 1 with the limitations of original claim 12 incorporated therein. Claim 12, originally dependent on claim 1, was objected to by the Examiner and, as such, new claim 24 is believed allowable.
25	New	Dependent on new claim 24; same limitations as original claim 2.
26	New	Dependent on new claim 24; same limitations as original claim 3.
27	New	Dependent on new claim 24; same limitations as original claim 4.
28	New	Dependent on new claim 24; same limitations as original claim 5.

Three (3) independent claims and a total of twenty (23) claims were included in the original application. Four (4) claims were cancelled and five (5) new claims were added. Therefore, after this amendment, there will be three (3) independent claims and twenty-four (24) total claims. As a result, an additional fee of \$25 is believed due for the one additional claim.

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the rejections and objections in light of this Amendment is requested. Allowance of Claims 1-6, 8-20 and 24-28 is solicited.

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